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In accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that a citation and examination of the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 be made during the course of the examination of the above-identified application.

REMARKS

The present application claims priority from German Application 100 11 516. Applicants' attorneys have been advised that in an Office Action in that German Application, four references were cited, which include U.S. Patent No. 5,122,940; European 0 453 956; German 89 15 821 and German 299 03 847. Copies of these four references are attached herewith.

The undersigned attorney does not yet have a copy of this German Office Action. However, the undersigned attorney has been advised that of the three German-Language documents, EP 0 453 956 discloses a luminaire for lighting a workplace, for example a workplace for spraying or painting jobs. This luminaire has a plurality of reflector units, each comprising a lamp, which are provided in the housing and the housing of the luminaire is


protected against the environment by a glass plate. Individual reflector units can be removed or exchanged.

With regard to German Gebrauchsmuster 89 15 821, this reference describes a round luminaire comprising a prism plate producing an asymmetric light distribution curve. This document bears no reference or similarity to the lighting system of the present application.

With regard to German Gebrauchsmuster 299 03 847, this reference discloses a luminaire wherein the light is coupled into massive light-conducting elements from the side thereof and the light-conducting elements consist of a plurality of partial elements, such as 3a. All of the partial elements are the same, and in order to allow the light to leave the light-conducting element 3, the light-emitting surfaces of the luminaire or, more precisely, light-conducting element is provided with a prism structure, as can be seen from Figs. 5A-5D. The reason why there are a plurality of partial light-conducting elements is that it is difficult to manufacture the prism structure required over a large surface. This reference does not disclose a system of luminaires or lighting systems recited in the present application. It is respectfully submitted that the claims of the present application are patentable over this reference.

It is submitted that no government fee is required for the Patent Office to consider these references, since no Office Action on the merits has been issued or received.

Respectfully submitted,

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